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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Katsuhiro UCHIUMI *et al.*

Application No.: 10/696,663

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS OF  
STORAGE UNIT, AND  
METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
THE CONTROL APPARATUS  
OF STORAGE UNIT

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 6841

Examiner: Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.